

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Ola Stark et al.

Application No.: 10/524,054

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Art Unit: 3641

For: CASELESS, COMPLETE ROUND AND ALSO
A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SUCH A
CASELESS, COMPLETE ROUND

Examiner: T. Chambers

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

In response to the April 14, 2009 Office Action, requiring an Election of Species, Applicants hereby elect Species A, a plasma torch, directed to Fig. 1. Claim 40 reads on the elected species.

As indicated on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 26-32 and 35-39 are generic. Applicants respectfully request that upon allowance of a generic claim Species B, directed to Fig. 2, be considered. Claim 41, drawn to a fuse, reads on Species B.

Applicants' election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than a reasonable number of species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 20459-00393-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: June 9, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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